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(U) Bell – FBI Locates Armored Military Vehicle Stolen in Southern California

(U) Authorities located a military vehicle that was stolen from a National Guard facility in the Los Angeles suburb of Bell earlier this week. A search continues for the person or persons responsible for the theft of the vehicle. Officials have not released details on the circumstance of the vehicle's recovery. Authorities continue to search for the perpetrators. A theft from a military facility carries a sentence of 10 years in federal prison.

SOURCE: 20 January 2021, Central Valley News

(U) Sacramento – Two Northern California Residents Charged with Storming the Capitol

(U) Two Northern California residents were arrested and charged after photographs and videos of them storming the US Capitol were shared on social media. Video evidence shows both of the suspects were inside the Capitol as the riot was taking place. Authorities filed criminal complaints documenting their participation, both suspects face a variety of charges including obstruction or impeding an official proceeding, entering a restricted building, and disorderly conduct.

SOURCE: 20 January 2021, Fox 40

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(U) District of Columbia - Man Accused of Beating Capitol Police with Bat Surrenders to Police

(U) Washington – The suspect, accused of punching and striking Capitol Police officers with a baseball bat during the 6 January riot, has turned himself into DC Police. According to the affidavit, US Capitol surveillance footage captured the suspect repeatedly striking a Capitol Police officer with his fist while attempting to forcefully enter the building. Several hour later, footage captured him using a metal bat to attack a group of officers. The suspect verified his presence in the videos and faces multiple charges. SOURCE: 20 January 2021, News West 9

(U) Connecticut – Man Charged in Connection with Assault of Officer at US Capitol

(U) Ridgefield – Authorities arrested a Connecticut man for connection with the assault of a Washington DC police officer during the siege of the US Capital two weeks ago. The suspect has been charged with assaulting, resisting, or impeding certain officers or employees, civil disorder, entering restricted building or grounds, violent entry and disorderly conduct. The suspect was arrested in South Salem, NY and multiple years in prison if convicted.

SOURCE: 20 January 2021, NBC CT

(U) Florida – Deputy Charged with Threats after US Capitol Attack

(U) Polk County – A Florida deputy was arrested for threatening remarks made the night of the US Capitol riots. The deputy is currently suspended pending termination from the Polk County Sheriff's office. The suspect sent multiple messages to a fellow deputy that was "hate talk," but also ventured

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into illegal threats of violence multiple times. The deputy receiving the messages reported the incident to superiors, and following an investigation into the conversation, the suspect was arrested and charged with a second-degree felony of making threats.

SOURCE: 20 January 2021, WFLA

(U) Florida – Proud Boys Organizer Arrested in Capitol Riots

(U) Orlando – A Florida man and a reported organizer of the far-right Proud Boy organization has been arrested for his role in the riots at the US Capitol two weeks ago. Investigators advised the suspect was observed in a video inside the Capitol during the riot. Agents advised that photos appeared to show the suspect and other members of the Proud Boys appearing to have walkie-talkie style communication devices as they moved toward the Capitol.

SOURCE: 20 January 2021, WESH News

(U) New York - National Guard Helicopter Crash Kills Three in Field

(U) Mendon – Three National Guard members on a training flight were killed when their helicopter crashed in a farmer's field in western New York. The helicopter flew out the Army Aviation support Facility at Rochester International Airport Aviation Battalion. At some point in the flight, witnesses heard sounds of an engine sputtering, and stated that the aircraft was flying very low. The circumstances of the crash are under investigation, there were no survivors.

SOURCE: 21 January 2021, CBS News

(U) Texas-Former Houston Police Officer Surrenders on Charges Related to Deadly Capitol Riot

(U) Houston – The former Houston police officer, accused of taking part in the deadly US Capitol riot, has turned himself in to authorities. The suspect was charged with violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds and unlawfully entering a restricted building. After initially denying he was part of the mob that stormed the Capitol, federal agents advised that he confessed when they found deleted cell phone photos of him inside the building. The suspect resigned his post with the Houston PD. SOURCE: 20 January 2021, KHOU

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(U) Pakistan – Roadside Bomb Wounds 11 Pakistani Troops

(U) Quetta – A roadside bomb exploded near a Pakistani paramilitary vehicle in a remote area of southwestern Baluchistan province wounding at least 11 troops. The attack on the Frontier Corps left at least four soldiers in critical condition. No group claimed responsibility, but Baluch separatist groups have carried out similar attacks in the past. Baluchistan is the scene of a long-running insurgency by Baluch secessionist groups who often stage attacks to press their demands for independence. SOURCE: 20 January 2021, ABC News

(U) Russia – Alleged ISIS Leader Killed in Chechnya

SOURCE: 20 January 2021, Asharq Al-Awsat

(U) Chechnya – Authorities in Chechnya advised that police had killed an alleged leader of the Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) who masterminded deadly attacks in Moscow. The militant was designated as a "global terrorist" by the US State Department, which advised he had become an ISIS leader in June 2015. He was responsible for suicide bombings in Russia including the January 2011 attack on Moscow's Domodedovo airport that killed 35. After evading pursuit twice, the militant leader was killed along with five other wanted militants associated with the organization.

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(U) Somalia – US Military Launches Two Airstrikes against Al-Shabaab

(U) Mogadishu – The US Africa Command waged airstrikes against al-Shabaab militants in Somalia for the second day in a row. The command has carried out six drone strike operations against the terror organization since the beginning of the year. Initial assessments indicate the strikes killed three al-Shabaab operatives with no civilians injured or killed as a result of the operation. Command leadership advised that striking these leaders disrupt the terror organization's ability to attack partners and kill innocent civilians with improvised explosive devices.

SOURCE: 20 January 2021, Garowe Online

(U) Turkey - Security Forces Arrest Suspected ISIS 'Emir'

(U) Mersin Province – Turkish security forces arrested a suspect in southern Turkey over alleged links to the terror group ISIS. The suspect, who was the so-called emir of the terror group in Syria, entered Turkey illegally and was arrested in an anti-terror operation in the Mersin province. The suspect plotted terrorist attacks against public institutions and organizations in the province. Digital materials were also seized during the operation.

SOURCE: 20 January 2021, Anadolu Agency

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